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¶1. Post notes that the conflict in Iraq and associated issues receive very little coverage in the media in Lesotho. The few media reports on these topics have not been critical of the USG.

¶2. Similarly, GOL representatives and other interlocutors rarely discuss such issues formally or informally with the Embassy. In meetings with Embassy officers, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has occasionally commented, in general, on the threat of terrorism, expressing support for USG policy. Post has provided him a copy of the talking points in ref.

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